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Request to Hire Dr. Nicholas Poppe Part Time

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re Alien Consultant Program.

1. Permission is requested for this office to hire Dr. Nicholas Poppe on a part-time basis for the following purposes:

- a. To continue to obtain information and background on the USSR, especially Central Asia, on which he is an outstanding authority. Dr. Poppe has already given us many reports and he is still helping us but we believe we cannot develop him fully unless we pay him for some of his time. He is presently working full time as a professor in the Far East Institute of the University of Washington
- b. To help us get information from nationals of the USSR and satellite countries who are living in our area (including NP's).
- c. To help us get information from alien faculty members of universities in our area -- such as geographers, economists, political scientists.
- d. To do special work for CIA, such as FDB Project Q) which is a bibliography of USSR literature on problems of automatic regulation and servo systems published from 1917 to 1947. There are 400 articles and books arranged alphabetically by authors' names and OSI would like to have Dr. Poppe comment on those authors about whom he may have personal knowledge or about whom he can find data.

2. As an indication of how Dr. Poppe's work has been received at Headquarters, attention is invited to evaluator's comment on O-2-21937 (Seattle Report 118C) as follows: "Comments as detailed as possible such as those of O-2-21937 would be worth spending hundreds of dollars if necessary." This report was given an A rating (of considerable value).

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3. Dr. Poppe, as you know, worked full time at Headquarters last summer. I believe that part-time employment by this office would give continuity to his work for us and assure regular contributions of value that would be even more helpful than those obtained on an irregular basis as at present.

4. I would like to use Dr. Poppe one full day a week at a rate of US\$25 a day on an open (non-contract) basis for at least three months to see how such an arrangement would work out. I believe the results would be well worth the cost.

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